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- 1. PRIMIN KIM CHONG PIL DURING MEETING JULY 26 WITH AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED STRONG GRATIFICATION ABOUT RESULTS MIYAZAWA VISIT TO SEOUL. ROKG WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH CONTENTS OF MIYAZAWA PRESS CONFERENCE ON RETURN TO TOKYO, AND CONSIDERS THAT VISIT PROVIDED FRAMEWORK FOR BROADER AND IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP WITH GOJ, ALTHOUGH RECOGNIZING TRIPARTITE ASPECT NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED VERY GRADUALLY.
- 2. IIMIN TOOK CREDIT FOR FORMULA EVENTUALLY AGREED TO ON KIM TAE CHUNG CASE. DURING HIS TALK WITH MIKI, AT TIME OF SATO FUNERAL, HE OUTLINED FORMULA TO JAPANESE. HE RECOGNIZED PROBLEMS FACED BY JAPANESE POLICE IN ACCEPTING FORMULA AND SAID THAT IT HAD TAKEN PRESIDENT PARK AS WELL SOME TIME TO ACCEPT THIS FORMULA. HE CONSIDERED US ROLE IN BOTH SEOUL AND TOKYO DURING LAST STAGES PARTICULARLY INFLUENTIAL IN BRINGING ABOUT FINAL AGREEMENT.

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3. IN LATER CONVERSATION, PRIMIN'S PERSONAL AIDE HAN MENTIONED THAT KOREAN AMBASSADOR KIM IN TOKYO HAD VIEWED PRESENT MOMENT AS CRITICAL IN GAINING ROKG-GOJ AGREEMENT TO SETTLE KIM TAE CHUNG AFFAIR, SINCE THERE

WOULD NEVER BE A MORE FAVORABLE AND SYMPATHETIC
LINE-UP IN GOJ FONOFF.
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